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REMARKS

Claims 2, 5, 8, 12, 15 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended in order to more particularly point out, and distinctly claim the subject matter to which the applicants regard as their invention. It is believed that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 27, 2007.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9 - 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19 and 20 remain in this patent application, claims 1 and 11 being independent claims..

The following rejections are set forth in the outstanding Office Action:

1. claims 1, 4, 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the McFedries Article;
2. claims 7, 17, 10 and 20 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the McFedries Article in view of Leavitt (U.S. Patent No. 6,918,091);
3. claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 12, 13, 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the McFedries Article in view of Wolfe (U.S. Patent No. 6,341,305); and
4. claims 8, 9, 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over the

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McFedries Article in view of Wolfe, and further in view of Leavitt.

The applicants' claimed invention, as now recited in independent claim 1, is directed to a window switching apparatus, which includes an input unit; a display unit; a title list display processing unit for displaying titles of windows currently set on the display unit, as a title list in a region other than a region where a taskbar is displayed on the display unit; and an activation processing unit for making a window corresponding to a title emphatically displayed among the titles included in the title list active. The claimed title list display processing unit includes a select-and-display processing unit for selecting titles of a predetermined number of and displaying the selected titles in title display areas of a predetermined size constituting said title list when the current number of windows is larger than the predetermined number; and a change-and-display processing unit for changing the titles displayed as the title list and displaying the titles when a title display change command is inputted through the input unit. As now further recited in claim 1, the change-and-display processing unit scrolls through titles displayed as the title list to change the titles displayed.

Significant claimed structural arrangements, as now set forth in claim 1, includes the claimed title list display processing unit for displaying titles of windows currently set on the display unit, as a title list in a region other than a region where a taskbar is displayed on the display unit. An additional significant claimed structural arrangement of the claimed invention, as now set forth in claim 1, includes the claimed the change-and-display processing unit being able to scroll through

titles displayed as the title list to change the titles displayed.

The applicants' claimed invention, as now set forth in independent claim 11, is directed to a computer readable record medium containing a window switching program for making a computer execute a process comprising a title list displaying process of displaying titles of windows currently set on a display unit of said computer, as a title list in a region other than a region where a taskbar is displayed on the display unit, and an activating process of making a window corresponding to a title emphatically displayed among titles included in the title list active. The claimed title list displaying process includes a selecting-and-displaying process step of selecting titles of a predetermined number of windows and displaying the selected titles in title display areas of a predetermined size constituting the title list when the current number of windows is larger than the predetermined number; and a changing-and-displaying process step of changing the titles displayed as the title list and displaying the titles when a title display change command is inputted through an input unit. As now recited in claim 11, at the changing-and-displaying process step, the window switching program makes the computer execute a process of scrolling through titles displayed as the title list to change the titles displayed.

Significant features of the applicants' claimed invention, as now recited in claim 11, include the claimed title list displaying process, which has a selecting-and-displaying process step of selecting titles of a predetermined number of windows and displaying the selected titles in title

display areas of a predetermined size constituting the title list when the current number of windows is larger than the predetermined number; and a changing-and-displaying process step of changing the titles displayed as the title list and displaying the titles when a title display change command is inputted through an input unit. A significant feature of the claimed invention, as now set forth in claim 11, includes the step in which at the changing-and-displaying process step, the window switching program makes the computer execute a process of scrolling through titles displayed as the title list to change the titles displayed.

Support for the claim amendments recited in each of claims 1 and 11, which include the above-discussed significant claimed structural arrangements or features, can be found in, for example, page 53, line 25 through page 54, line 7 of the applicants' specification and original claim 2. Such teachings of the claimed invention are not found in the teachings of the McFedries Article, Leavitt or Wolfe; and therefore the applicants' claimed invention is distinguishable over the teachings of the McFedries Article, Leavitt or Wolfe.

For example, Leavitt discloses that a user defined interface (UDI) having a plurality of command regions (for example, My computer) is displayed in a region other than a region where a taskbar is displayed on the display unit (see FIG.2B). Wolfe merely discloses that a scrolling window in which supplemental information is scrolled is displayed on the taskbar.

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In view of the above, the applicants' claimed invention, as now recited in each of independent claim 1 or independent claim 11 (and the claims respectively dependent therefrom), would not have been obvious under 35 USC §103(a) based on the teachings of the McFedries Article, Leavitt or Wolfe, singly or in combination.

Further, claims 2, 5, 8, 12, 15 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, the outstanding rejections of these claims are now moot.

In view of the above, the withdrawal of the outstanding obviousness rejections under 35 USC §103(a) based on the teachings of the McFedries Article, Leavitt or Wolfe, singly or in combination, is in order, and is therefore respectfully solicited.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, claims, as amended, are in condition for allowance, which action, at an early date, is requested.

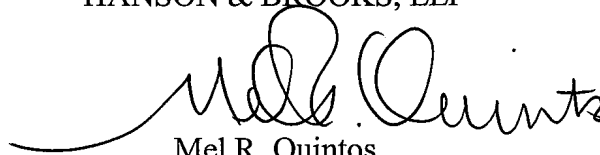
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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In the event that this paper is not timely filed the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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